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January 30, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
SANTA FE DAM RECREATION AREA
FIRE PROTECTION WATER MAIN PROJECT
SPECS. 6756; C.P. 68811
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1
3 VOTES**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND
THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute a construction contract, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, with West Valley Construction Company, Inc., the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area Fire Protection Water Main Project (Specs. 6756; C.P. 68811) (Water Main Project), in the amount of \$796,470, and to establish the effective contract date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificates from the contractor.
2. Approve a revised total project budget of \$1,464,541 for the Water Main Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow Public Works to proceed with construction of the Water Main Project. This project will make infrastructure improvements that will provide a dedicated waterline for the exclusive use of fire protection services and will meet the County of Los Angeles Fire Department requirements for fireflow protection.

The project scope of work consists of the installation of approximately 6,700 linear feet of 12-inch diameter ductile iron-pipe water main, approximately 1,400 linear feet of 8-inch diameter ductile iron-pipe water main, fire hydrants, and appurtenant work.

On November 8, 2006, your Board adopted the plans and specifications and authorized advertising for construction bids for the Water Main Project. On December 5, 2006, 22 bids were received. Five exceeded the engineer's estimate of \$1,044,750 (Enclosure A). West Valley Construction Company, Inc., was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a bid of \$796,470, which is under the engineer's estimate by \$248,280 or nearly 24 percent.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This project meets the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence and Community Service since it will provide area residents with increased protection of a scenic and recreational resource by furnishing a more reliable water supply system for protection against fire.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended construction contract with West Valley Construction Company, Inc., is for \$796,470. In addition, \$160,000 or approximately 20 percent of the construction contract amount has been allocated for change orders in the construction budget due to the difficult terrain and the anticipated difficulty in trenching activities for the placement of the main waterline. This has resulted in a revised project budget of \$1,464,541, which is \$407,951 less than the original project cost estimate of \$1,872,492. The total project cost, budget summary, and project schedule are included in Enclosure B.

The revised project cost is currently funded by \$835,000 from the Vehicle License Fee Gap Loan Special Fund and \$629,541 from the Safe Neighborhood Park Propositions of 1992 and 1996 (Regional Park and Open Space District). Sufficient appropriation is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Capital Project Budget under C.P. 68811. The

On August 11, 2006, the United States Army Corps of Engineers determined that the project is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act through a categorical exclusion.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contract was solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

We have confirmed that the contractor is in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contract will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs. Work in the park will be performed in phases to minimize disruption of services and access to park amenities.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

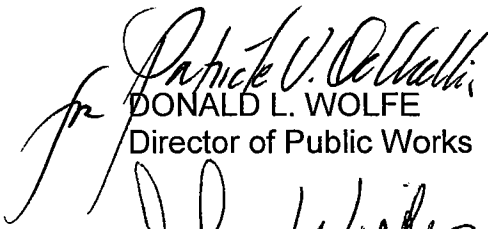
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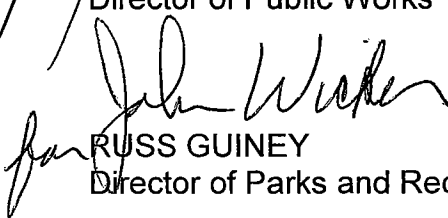
The park will remain open during the one-month mobilization period and the five-month construction duration scheduled from February through July 2007. However, access within the park will be restricted along the construction alignment. There will be some impact to the park activities such as the Renaissance Faire (March through May) and the water play areas (June through July) during the week. There will be no construction during the weekends.

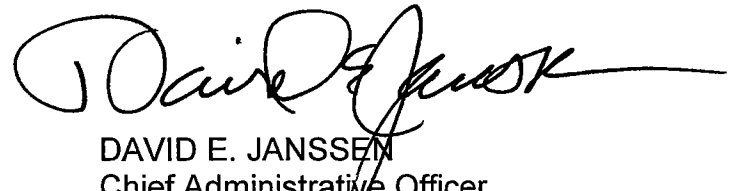
CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Administrative Officer (Capital Projects), Parks and Recreation, and Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,


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RUSS GUINEY
Director of Parks and Recreation


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Chief Administrative Officer

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cc: County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance (Ozie Smith)
Department of Public Social Services (GAIN/GROW Program)

ENCLOSURE A

AWARD OF CONTRACT
January 30, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. P000000042, SANTA FE DAM RECREATION AREA FIRE
PROTECTION WATERMAIN PROJECT (City of Irwindale),
Supervisory District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of 8- and 12-inch diameter ductile iron pipe water
mains, fire hydrants, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: November 8, 2006 (Agenda No. 25)

BID OPENING DATE: December 5, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*West Valley Construction Company, Inc., a corporation P.O. Box 5639 San Jose, California 95150 (408) 371-5510	\$ 796,470.00
2	*Accord Engineering, Inc.	\$ 823,450.00
3	Sully-Miller Contracting Company	\$ 831,832.50
4	*JA Salazar Construction & Supply Corp.	\$ 846,650.00
5	John T. Malloy, Inc.	\$ 857,050.00
6	Albert W. Davies, Inc.	\$ 862,100.00
7	Excel Paving Company	\$ 873,964.00
8	*PCN3, Inc.	\$ 883,237.00
9	Vido Samarzich, Inc.	\$ 894,050.00
10	Lonerock, Inc.	\$ 916,050.00
11	Special Service Contractors, Inc.	\$ 833,748.00
12	Ivanko	\$ 949,300.00
13	+Garcia Juarez Construction, Inc.	\$ 952,926.50
14	Robert G. Castongia, Inc.	\$ 962,992.00
15	*SRD Engineering, Inc.	\$ 993,300.00
16	Mike Bubalo Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,005,950.00
17	Zondiros Corp.	\$1,024,150.00
18	+PPC Construction, Inc.	\$1,096,250.00

BID SUMMARY (cont.):

19	*Miramontes Const. Co., Inc.	\$1,133,540.00
20	*Savala Const. Co.	\$1,182,016.00
21	Majich Bros., Inc.	\$1,188,800.00
22	Blois Construction, Inc.	\$1,244,624.00

*MWBE

+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$1,044,750.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$796,470.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$248,280.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 24 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient appropriation is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Capital Project Budget under C.P. 68811.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

West Valley Construction Company, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The proposed project is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines in accordance with Article 19, Section 15301 (b) and (d), and Section 15302 (c) and the revised County of Los Angeles Environmental Document Report Procedures and Guidelines, Class 1 (e) and Class 2 (e) adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area is a Federal facility under the jurisdiction of the United States Army Corps of Engineers and is operated and maintained by Parks and Recreation. As a Federal facility, all projects at Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. On August 11, 2006, the United States Army Corps of Engineers determined that the project is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act through a categorical exclusion in accordance with 40 CFR 1508.4 and 33 CFR 230.9, and that the project, when considered individually and cumulatively, does not have significant effects on the quality of the human environment.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 90 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in March and be completed in July 2007.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The contractor's industrial safety record indicates a fatality in 2001. The fatality occurred when the boom of a crane truck came in contact with an overhead high-voltage power line. The operator of the boom truck pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter. The contractor is currently appealing the Cal/OSHA citation. Subsequent to the accident, the contractor modified their safety policies as an additional step in preventing accidents.

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ENCLOSURE B

**SANTA FE DAM RECREATION AREA
FIRE PROTECTION WATER MAIN PROJECT
AWARD
SPECS. 6756; C.P. 68811**

I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Construction Documents	10/28/06*
Jurisdictional Approvals	10/12/06*
Construction Award	01/30/07
Construction Start	03/19/07
Substantial Completion	07/16/07
Final Acceptance	10/26/07

*Actual completion date

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Proposed Project Budget	Impact of this Action	Current Budget
Plans and Specifications	\$ 125,000	\$ 0	\$ 125,000
Plan Check	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,000
Construction			
Construction Contract	\$ 925,000	(\$128,530)	\$ 796,470
Change Order Contingency 20%	92,500	67,500	160,000
Bid Contingency	346,921	(346,921)	0
Total Construction	\$1,364,421	\$ 407,951	\$ 956,470
Utility Connection Fees	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 10,000
Consultant Services	\$ 82,373	\$ 0	\$ 82,373
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 8,500	\$ 0	\$ 8,500
County Services	\$ 278,198	\$ 0	\$ 278,198
Total	\$1,872,492	(\$407,951)	\$1,464,541

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ENCLOSURE C

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

Background:

The project will provide a dedicated waterline for fire protection services. This waterline will meet the County of Los Angeles Fire Department requirements for fireflow protection.

Task(s) that may be Performed by At-Risk Youth:

No elements of this project were found suitable for segregation from the plans and specifications for separate contracts to be performed by at-risk youth. However, the plans and specifications encourage the contractor to employ at-risk youth on the project.

Youth Employment Goal:

Under the provisions of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District policy on employment of youth, the Youth Employment Minimum Obligation of the County of Los Angeles is \$15,739,750 (equal to 50 percent of the total maintenance and servicing funding from Proposition A of 1992 and 1996). The County of Los Angeles has met its Youth Employment Goal; however, Parks and Recreation continues to actively pursue employment opportunities for youth on projects that have tasks identified as being appropriate for youth workers.